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1. Czechoslovak General Staff

So far, there has been no official coordination of functions of the Czechoslovak Army with those of the Soviet Army.

2. Armed Border Militia

Armed border militia units are organs of the Communist Party; they are not a component of the military establishment. Indirectly, through liaison officers, they fall under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Headquarters of the SNB. Commanders of individual armed border militia units are invariably Communist members of the SNB appointed to this post by the Party.

3. Armaments

In spite of the fact that all Czechoslovak war production plants are in operation, the Czechoslovak Army is not receiving any armaments. [REDACTED] not known whether the armaments produced are being stored or are being shipped away but has heard many reports about the shipping of armaments to Palestine.

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4. Army Purge

Between 1,500 and 2,000 career officers and WCO's have been dismissed from the Army recently. (There have been about 3,000 dismissals in the SNB purge.) As a result of the purge the Army is disorganized and demoralized. In many cases sergeants are company commanders. It is generally believed that the Army, under present conditions, is unable to undertake any action whatever. The Communists want to replace the dismissed officers with new ones picked from the ranks of the workers. Those chosen will attend a one-year course and then, if they graduate successfully, will be accepted in the Military Academy.

5. New Type of Fighter Plane

Heinkel-2 type fighter planes are being built at Letnany, near Prague. [REDACTED] does not know the results of any tests made with it.

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6. Training Camp for Jewish Recruits

Jewish recruits from Czechoslovakia, Poland, and Hungary are being concentrated in the military camp at Libava near Olomouc and trained for the war in Palestine. A Czechoslovak Army Staff Captain named Sochor (decorated as a hero of the Soviet Union) is in charge of the training.

7. Zbrojovka Brno-Lisen: Ammunition Shipment

At the Zbrojovka plant at Brno-Lisen, ammunition crates were packed into larger crates used for shipment of sugar. They were packed in wood shavings to give the impression that glassware was being shipped. A group of ten packers worked for several days on the shipment after working hours in a separate room and under the supervision of the SNB. It is assumed that the shipment was destined for Palestine.

8. Zbrojovka Brno-Zabrdovice

A shipment of oak wood used for the manufacture of gun stocks was received at this plant from abroad.

9. Zbrojovka Brno

The production of tractors (Zetor type) has been discontinued at this plant, which will hereafter produce only armaments. The tractors will be produced by the Zbrojovka Brno-Lisen plant.

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